

**PATENT APPLICATION**

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For: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR MAINTAINING AND/OR RESTORING VIABILITY OF  
ORGANS

**SMALL ENTITY PETITION FOR 1<sup>st</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup> EXTENSION  
OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) AND  
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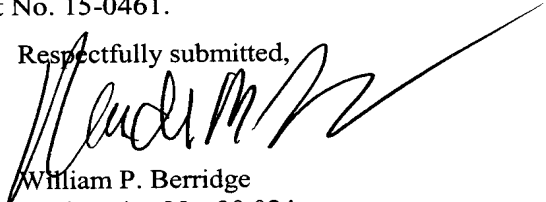
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Sir:

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